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IN RE APPLICATION OF : Goldstein, Joel E. et al
SERIAL NO. : 09/699,723 : **GRP. ART UNIT:** 6932
FILED : 10/30/2000 : **EXAMINER:** Reddick, M.
FOR : Reduced Formaldehyde Nonwoven Binders
Which Contain Polymerized Units of N-methylolacrylamide

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Twice Amended) In a vinyl acetate based polymer emulsion formed by the emulsion polymerization of vinyl acetate and N-methylolacrylamide, optionally other monomers, in the presence of a stabilizing system and a redox catalyst system comprised of an oxidizing agent and a reducing agent, the improvement for reducing formaldehyde emissions in the resulting vinyl acetate based polymer emulsion, which comprises:
forming said vinyl acetate based polymer emulsion utilizing as the reducing component of the redox catalyst system a reducing agent of the formula: